





The storm of the speakership fight is worth watching while it is fresh, and it has its lessons for the public which ought to be impressed upon the average mind before the mass of legislative news drives it to the background. There was a speakership election after the close of the caucus by a vote of 84 for James J. Myers of Cambridge to 65 for Frank P. Bennett of Bangor and 24 for Charles R. Saunders of Boston, began openly in the Legislature of 1889 several weeks before the progress of the year was far advanced. Speaker Mr. Bennett's first meeting was held with the knowledge of the public, and from that time to Tuesday forenoon, when 73 men ate at his dinner but only 66 of them voted for him in the first ballot, he has been the center of one of the most interesting campaigns. The hardest campaign before this was that twenty years ago when William K. Barrett was elected over J. Otis Wardwell. There was great bitterness in that and more personal animosities of one kind. But the present campaign is different. There has been a great excess in this campaign. The grossest attacks have been made upon Speaker Myers, and the motive has been to break him down with the public. This attack has had its effect. The driving members from his side, who to the support of the speaker had not been for the accused criticisms he would have seen to it much earlier to a majority of the members-elect. Not only have some papers gone beyond the bounds of decency in criticizing his political history, but his personal figure has been made the subject of ridicule. But he has kept his temper and has won.

One discreditable fact appears, namely, that some of the members could not express themselves so as to be understood. It is not to be believed that such men as signed the statements were so stupid as to make the statements which would make them ridiculous in public. The same must be said of those who signed a statement for Bennett. But the Myers men said that they were sure of over two-thirds necessary 84 to elect, while the Bennett men said that there were only 66 votes for Myers. Well, since two Myers men were absent, the vote on the second choice shows that they might have been right. If Myers had only 73 on the first ballot. It is evident that some members of the party were not only unable to express themselves, but the leaders on one side, probably both. It was not a creditable display of the moral quality of some of the members of the General Court of Massachusetts. Representative Howland of Chelsea, one of the fiercest critics of Myers, in his own personal claims, said that, on the principle of averages, it was not probable that there were any more members of the Ananias club than Myers than there were with Bennett. I am using on this basis, he believed that Myers would win. But he was not a fair judge, for as they were expected to, they should have given him a majority on the first ballot.

It appears from the election of Myers to the Republicans of Massachusetts that they are disposed to draw too rigid a line in the name of party. They are not likely to elect a man who acts for himself once in a while, as Myers put it in his Middlesex County speech, who "casts a conscience vote." This has been done by Senator Lodge and Secretary Long. Governors Bulfinch and Briggs, and many others of high rank in the party when they found that it was necessary to make a compromise with the party for the time being. But they were not dishonored from the party thereby. The action of Myers has bearing upon this point.

Another point which has been raised in connection with the committees. It seems that down to 1880, the practice of the House was to elect a Republican and a Democrat to the chairmanships to the Democrats. Since 1880 not a Democrat has had a position. Stone of Springfield, of the House, is ranking members of the House, and he says that the Democrats, but of the sort who were easily taken for a Republican, such as he and his associates and so clear has steered of petty Democratic politics in the House. The question has been asked whether Myers would be appointed to the position, other things being equal, be turned aside because he is a Democrat, when politics cut no figure in his duties. Myers has this question to answer. It is said that Mr. Mellen of Worcester proposed that the Democrats should appoint to the House, instead of having them appointed by the speaker, but this would be unheard-of innovation and there is no reason to suppose that it will be adopted. It seems so possible that a Democrat coming from a Republican, but the House will surely not entertain the proposition. It seems so possible that a Democrat coming from a Republican, but the House will surely not entertain the proposition. It seems so possible that a Democrat coming from a Republican, but the House will surely not entertain the proposition.

The retirement of Gov. Wolcott from the position was a surprise to many. He had regret, however pleasure the politicians may experience in his departure from the service of the state. His public appearance was when he addressed the orders of office to the members of the Legislature. He was well organized. Roger Wolcott has been governor of the state for almost four years. This is for a longer period than any man since the incumbency of John Andrews, our governor during the civil war. His incumbency has been nearly a full year to be served by Wolcott. Then he had the three regular elections himself as governor. Of course, in time, he has become familiar to almost all people of the state. It is quite a little thing to say by the day that he is our governor. Wolcott is the most distinguished appearing public man Massachusetts has for a long time. His tall, perfect figure, handsome face give him a presence which always counts for his advantage and his popularity with the people. He is a good governor. Then, he is a popular man. Personally, he is of the highest character and purity of motive. He is the father of all his people. He is the dignity of the state in a manner available to the mass of the people. Many of our people have a great respect for him, but it is not regarded as probable that he will ever become the chief executive of the state. He is the lower branch of Congress and mark in national affairs. He is the time before there is any vacancy anywhere he might get to the Senate or to the position of chief executive of the state. His memory will always be green, but he will not be expected to return to public life.

The inaugural of Gov. Crane will be with interest, and it will have more than usual because it is only about a year since the other inauguration. He is a "supreme executive magistrate." He is the most space to financial affairs, and the economy upon the members of the Legislature. This caution is needed especially in the present time when the state is in a large sum of money. Our state debt is \$1,000,000. As Gov. Crane shows, but it is not of the Legislature to be a part of the state. Massachusetts is a rich state which is ready to spend lavishly, and they know that the state debt is \$1,000,000. So they are not in a state of health in one of any year of ordinary business. So they are not in a state of health in one of any year of ordinary business. So they are not in a state of health in one of any year of ordinary business.

fire, set fire to a bed upon which he was sleeping Wednesday night with a cigarette, and barely escaped being burned. Salvier returned to his room shortly after supper, and throwing himself upon the bed pulled a magazine from his pocket and lighting it began smoking, until he became drowsy and fell off to sleep. Sometime afterwards two of his roommates were about to retire or the night, and when they entered the room they found it well filled with smoke and the clothing on fire, Salvier being fast asleep and unconscious. His companions awoke him and the fire was extinguished with only the bed clothing being slightly burned and his vest scorched.

Communion at the churches next Sunday.

Daniel Connor is seriously ill at his home with appendicitis.

P. E. Bard has been the guest of friends in Adams this week.

Calvin W. Hastings is studying law in the office of T. W. Kenefick.

Mr. Beard has moved from Wells's farm to the farm of the late Franklin Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burnham have been the guests of friends in Springfield this week. "Skipped by the light of the moon" will be given at the opera house next Monday night.

Miss Jeannet Hall of Chelsea spent Sunday with Miss Helen Converse of Park street.

An epidemic of chicken pox is having quite a run among the children of the village.

Misses Ruth and Alice Gager have returned from a visit with relatives in Providence, B. I.

Miss Eudocia Flynt has returned to New York City, to stay with her mother on Central street.

Mrs. O. G. Petrie entertained her Sunday school class at her home on Walnut street Friday evening.

James McGuire and family of Toronto, Canada, are the guests of Peter McGuire at the carpet mill.

Mrs. H. C. Strong and daughter Grace have returned from a visit with Mrs. Wilson of Hartford, Ct.

Edward Carey has been unable to attend to duties on the electric road owing to an injury to his leg.

E. D. Tufts is traveling in the western part of the state in the interests of the Keating Wheel Company.

H. E. W. Clark installed the officers elected at the annual meeting of the Worcester Tuesday evening.

Miss Sophia Cobb has returned from a stay in Woodville, Vt., where she has been the guest of friends.

L. G. Dickinson of the C. V. freight house has gone to Stafford Springs, where he has accepted a position.

Miss Ada Wing has returned to Brown University, where she has resumed her duties as instructor.

The Lend-a-Hand will hold a meeting at the parlors of the Congregational church Thursday afternoon.

The Women's Tuesday Club will meet with Mrs. G. E. Buck Tuesday afternoon at the parlors of the Congregational church.

The annual sale of seats will take place at the Congregational church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss M. C. McDonald of North Brookfield is visiting at the home of W. E. McDonald on Converse avenue.

The annual meeting of the incorporation of the Palmer Savings Bank will be held next Monday afternoon.

Misses Annie and Mary Healey of Springfield were the guests of Miss Elizabeth B. Fenton on Monday.

The personal property of B. B. Fenton was sold at auction at his late home on Brimfield road yesterday.

Miss Bertha Hastings entertained the Sunday school class at her home on Pleasant street Monday afternoon.

Miss Katherine Buck has returned from Washington, D. C., after a visit with her parents on North Main street.

The teachers of the town met in the high school on Monday afternoon to discuss their usual monthly conference.

Arthur Moulton and sisters, Misses E. and Lillian Moulton, have returned from a visit with friends in Worcester.

Miss Annie Tucker has returned from vacation spent in Melrose, and has resumed her duties in the public schools.

The selectmen held a regular meeting at the library building Monday and transacted the usual business of the month.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the vestry of the church.

The stockholders of the Palmer National Bank will hold their annual meeting in banking room next Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth I. Heenehan has returned to Bridgewater Normal School after a visit with her parents on Central street.

The engagement is announced of Katherine Buck to Henry W. Holbrook, a student at Bangor, Me.

E. E. Hobson will return Tuesday morning, Me., where he will resume his studies in the University of Maine school of law.

H. B. Knox and family, who have been spending a couple of weeks in town, have Monday for their home in Providence, R. I.

George F. Maynard, who has been visiting with his mother, Mrs. O. D. Wells Foster's Mill, has returned to her home in Hingham.

Another case of scarlet fever has appeared in this village, the young son of Hollingsworth on South Main street is sick with it.

The banns of marriage were published Sunday at St. Thomas's church by the Rev. J. Fisher and Gordon Chubb of Palmer.

About five inches of snow fell on Monday but it was so dry that it mixed readily with the soil and wheels have been better travel than runners.

The rooms in the bank block which were occupied as a branch by B. Woodbury & Co. are being rented to the State and redited.

Special cars were run Sunday evening for the accommodation of those attending midnight masses in the various Catholic churches of the town.

Principal Frank M. Carroll of the high school was the guest of Mr. O'Connor and family near Mt. Dumplin first part of the week.

The Central Massachusetts Electric company will hold its annual meeting at the office of the company in Holden's next Monday afternoon.

Mrs. G. H. Wilkins and Miss Idella Brook entertained their Sunday school classes at the home of the latter on street last Saturday evening.

Daniel W. O'Connor, who has been visiting the holidays with his parents at Mt. Dumplin, has returned to his studies at Philadelphia Dental College.

Thorndike has been shipped, and it will be put in place about next Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Once-a-Week Club will be held in the Converse House tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The business session will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Pierce's case of the Forest Lake property expired on Monday, and it has been turned over to the owners. What will be done at that place next season is still an unknown quantity.

The altar boys of St. Thomas's Catholic church were entertained by Rev. W. H. Hart at his residence on Thorndike street Wednesday evening. A turkey supper was served them.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. F. M. Webber on Park street next Tuesday afternoon. This is the annual meeting of the union, and it is desired that every member be present.

The installation of officers of Good Cheer society will take place at I. O. O. F. hall, be held next Tuesday evening at their rooms in the opera house building. Special Deputy Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hart of Springfield will act as installing officer.

The first institute of the season under the auspices of the Eastern Hampshire Agricultural Society will be given at Westfield on Friday night, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p. m. The speaker will be James Rankin of North Easton subject, "Poultry as a farm product."

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Atkins are in receipt of another letter from their son Allan, who is still aboard the hospital ship Relief at Manila. He is gradually improving and is very anxious to write more encouragement than formerly. The letter is dated November 24.

Michael Cunningham appeared in the district court Tuesday charged with drunkenness, was found guilty and probated until the first day of February. Domestic violence figured somewhat in the case, as all is no doubt true at times in the Cunningham household.

The past week has been decidedly windy. Last Saturday morning the mercury stood at zero, and remained there all day and Sunday morning, hardly varying a degree. It was in that vicinity every morning through last week until yesterday, when it rose up below.

The second entertainment in the course under the auspices of the Eagle Athletic Club will be given in the opera house next Wednesday evening. Dr. A. A. Willis, tenn noted and talented speaker, will lecture. He is entertaining and should be greeted with a large audience.

The Ladies' Social Union of St. Paul church will hold its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. At 6:30 they will give a social and supper, and during the evening the rental of the pews will occur. At 7:30 the adjourned parish meeting will be held in the auditorium.

Clark & Hastings lost one of their best horses last Friday night by spinal meningitis. The animal was taken suddenly sick on Tuesday of last week as it was carrying Thorndike with a load, and was carried to the stable there, but in spite of all that could be done for it it did not recover.

Addison Arnold has gone to Charlotte, N. C., where he has accepted a position as manager of the Southern Card Clothing Company's factory. Mr. Arnold has been manager of the Buck Card Clothing Company's factory for the past few months. His family expect to follow him in about a month.

The piano and song recital by J. S. K. and pupils in Memorial Hall last Friday evening was well attended and the program was carried out in a manner well received. Many numbers were well rendered and enjoyable musical treat was afforded the present.

Rev. O. G. Pettie will preach Sunday morning on "Manifesting the life of God." The subject of his class will consist of "Customs and reforms, particularly concerning the press." The Bible class Sunday school will begin an 18-month study of the life of Christ as taken up in international series.

The following have resumed study in college after having accepted a position as managers:

D. Shaw and F. L. Dillor Brown, Miss May Flake and Miss Blar Hellyar at Mt. Holyoke, Mason Wells Amherst, Freeman Smith at the University of Maine, Miss Della Hastings at Smith Oliver Ferry at Kingston.

P. E. Paré has sold his bakery business to William D. Cobb of P. Cobb and H. E. Ackler of Monson, who will possession Monday morning. The bakery was formerly in the possession of Mr. Cobb, father, and it was in the shop now purchased by him that he learned his trade. Mr. Paré still retains his nine employees.

The installation of the Odd Fellows and following appointed officers were named: Conductor, F. W. Lavine; warden, C. Holden; L. S. S., Jacob Wilson; R. C. John Green; R. S. N. G., C. E. Fuller; J. N. G. W. S. Taylor; R. S. V. J. Filmore; O. Isaac Ramsdell.

Elmer H. Root, who has recently been charged after a three-years' service in regular army, during which he served Cuba and the Philippines, has on exhibit in Mrs. L. E. Carpenter's store while collecting money for the relief fund. He came home from the latter place. He is very interesting, and will be on exhibition only to-morrow.

Among the suits entered in the superior court at Springfield this week are: Fred Thompson of Palmer against Sarah Ann of Monson, on the issue of \$1000; William A. Richards of Wilbraham, administrator against James Richards of Wilbraham assets, \$1265; William A. Mowry of Wilbraham against Emil Schneelock of Springfield for the conversion of a calf to the defense use, \$200.

Quabog Council, Royal Arcanum elected new officers: Regent, F. W. L. S. S. regent, G. E. Dalrymple; warden, L. H. Hunt; treasurer, H. N. Wick; collector, C. E. Fisher; past regent, B. Brainerd; orator, C. A. Taber; grand secretary, G. F. Sedgwick; guide, E. A. Frisvold; warden, C. H. Knudsen; J. T. Thibault; representative to grand council, Charles Brainerd; alternate, G. A. Rice.

Vesper services will be held in the versal church Sunday at 5 p. m. special music has been arranged for the service.

Rev. Mr. Petrie will begin a series of sermons on "Religion in the future," the first being on Sunday at 7:30. The series is "Faith in our higher leaders," that of Abraham being taken as an illustration. This series will be continued, and include many sermons of interest and instruction.

Mrs. J. R. Barney of Providence R. I. missionaries, and all round the world, Western Massachusetts churches and third weeks of this month. She will lecture on "My trip around the world speaking in the towns and cities of Sweden country." She is expected to speak Palmer January 19. Mr. Barney has had some prisoners, and has most of the large penal institutions country and abroad.

About all that remains to be done the electric cars running to Monson finishing of the bridge over the tracks C. V. road. Contractor Leybeck is

be closed put in shape for use. Three new  
closed cars are expected next Tuesday; they  
will be of the same pattern as those now in  
use.

Little Alsterkrom in the farce "My Mother  
in-Law" drew a very large attendance at the  
opera house Tuesday evening. From the  
reception given her by the audience it was  
plainly to be seen that she has not lost any  
of her popularity with the theater-going  
people and situations which caused the  
audience to keep up a continual laughter.  
The play itself was not very interesting, but  
what it lacked in interest was easily made  
up by the clever acting. Miss Alsterkrom  
was coached by the play writer, who  
impersonated their parts in a highly credit-  
able manner.

A week of prayer will be held in the Con-  
gregational church the coming week, and  
meetings will be held every evening. The  
congregations on Tuesday and Wednesday even-  
ings will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday  
at the usual hour. The following are the  
subjects for each evening upon which the  
pastor, Rev. Mr. Harrison, will speak: Sun-  
day, "Hero of the faith," treating of the  
great life work of D. L. Moody; Monday,  
"Choosing God," dealing with the choice  
between the world and the kingdom of  
God; Tuesday, "Suffering as sons of God";  
Wednesday, "Working with God"; Thursday,  
"Growth in the likeness of God."

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the  
Congregational church has chosen the fol-  
lowing officers: President, Mrs. G. W. G.  
Buck; secretary, Mrs. G. L. Ramsden; secre-  
tary, Mrs. G. H. Hastings; treasurer, Mrs. C. V.  
Palmer; social committee, Mrs. J. L.  
Gaw; Mrs. G. H. Wilkins, Mrs. L. J.  
Shaw, Mrs. John Sedgwick, Mrs. L. J.  
Gaw and Miss President J. Sedgwick; hon-  
orary members, Mrs. J. B. Shaw, Mrs.  
S. C. Hinderick, Mrs. L. M. Shaw, Mrs.  
G. H. Fisher, Mrs. L. E. Chand-  
ler and Miss Idella Holbrook; fore-  
missionary committee, Mrs. C. F. Grosvenor,  
chairman, Mrs. J. J. Webb, Mrs. J. B.  
Wilkins, Mrs. M. M. Ezzell.

General T. W. Keneffick was president  
of the organization of the Massachusetts  
Senator Court Wednesday in Boston and  
he was appointed a member of the committee  
on rules and also of the committee to  
be members. This Senator Keneffick is  
second time in the Legislature, having been  
in the Legislature and was there for  
several years. He has made a  
favorable reputation as a good legislator.  
He is recognized as a man of excellent judg-  
ment and good speaking abilities, and  
always holds positions on the most im-  
portant committees in the Legislature.  
He is a man of great energy and  
energy with interest, and felt assured he  
would use the confidence placed in him in the  
possible manner.

Mark Sullivan's continued case for in-  
jury to his arm has been the subject of  
court Monday, and as Mark lacked the  
time previously imposed, he was sent to  
the State House at Springfield. Sullivan  
had \$7 of the amount when he was  
arrested, but pleaded so hard to be  
allowed to become responsible for the  
of Fred Dockery, who was assessed a sum  
amount, that both cases were finally  
thru. Sullivan was released on \$7500  
and transportation, and was gathered  
again Wednesday last week and sent  
for 60 days, with the previous case  
hanging over him. Sullivan hadn't  
funds when his case came on Monday, so  
he was sent up.

Some of the customers in LeGro's ex-  
hibition of the Exhibition of the  
celebration Saturday night. A man run-  
ning into the store and urged an acquaintance  
to hurry up, as his car was coming and  
would get left unless he made haste. The  
man seemed to care little whether the  
car came or not, but his acquaintance  
feeling that he would get left, and  
they went out on the sidewalk. The  
who had been rushed out of the warm  
looked both ways and seeing no sign of  
transportation demanded, "Where's  
your car?" "There it is, right over there  
in the middle of the street," replied the  
man standing at the foot of the car, who  
stood on the other side of the street  
thoroughly illuminated.

THREE RIVERS.

James Cole has gone to live in Man-  
chester, N. H.

Mr. Wilson has been visiting in Man-  
chester, N. H.

Edward Brown is visiting friends  
in Waltham.

Rankin Scott has returned from his  
Cambridge.

Charles Parsons of Springfield is visit-  
ing in Springfield.

Charles Parsons of Springfield spent  
day at the home of H. A. Shaw.

Miss Ella Holt has returned to Green-  
field, N. H.

Miss Edith Thresher of New Rochelle, N. Y.  
has been visiting at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. Herbert Chamberlain the last  
week.

The union services for the week of  
will begin at the Union church next  
evening.

There will be preaching at the B. M. C.  
next Sunday by E. A. Thon. The  
service will be at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

There was an installation of officers  
of the Womans' Tribe of Rev. Mr.  
Ruggles's Hall this week.

The annual business meeting and  
of the Union church will be held in the  
church on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

The younger employees of the P.  
Mill gave a surprise party to  
Newell Saturday evening and pre-  
sented with a handsome clock.

Skating on the river was begun  
last week. The snow has been removed  
large space near the bathhouse, and the  
is going on as merrily as before.

Rev. Mr. White of Northfield, from  
this place, preaching at the Union  
last Sunday morning. A union service  
will be held at the Union church next  
evening.

The B. M. C. entertained some  
officers of the Springfield Y. M. C.  
at Saturday evening at the club rooms  
Pewell block. The members of the club  
return the visit to-morrow afternoon.

BONDVILLE.

R. L. Bond has begun harvesting  
Mrs. John Sheehan had Sunday  
after a long illness.

Roland McLaughlin spent New Year  
his home in Lunenburg.

Mr. J. J. McLaughlin of the Epworth  
will be held Wednesday evening.

C. M. Hanson of Peaceland, R. I., has  
visiting his sister, Mrs. A. P. Knowlton.

Mrs. Charles D. Sward of Hartford  
visiting her parents, and Mrs. E. L.  
of the B. M. C. Society will leave  
Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. O. A. P.  
Mrs. John Jess left while going  
stairs yesterday and badly injured her  
side.

Mrs. Henry Cople has had as guest  
her friend, Mrs. E. McFadden on  
Sunday.

Charles Merriam of Michigan is  
his mother, Mrs. Orilla Merriam,  
avenue.

Misses Grace and Maude Towne of  
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C.  
Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Squier and two chil-  
dren are visiting her parents, Mr.  
Mrs. E. E. Ryther.

Mrs. J. Williams, who has been

Midnight mass was celebrated in St. Basil's church, and watchlight service in the Methodist church Sunday night.

Fifty-four French residents of Bondville attended the midnight mass at the French Catholic church at Three Rivers Sunday night.

Rev. B. McKeany is to start next Tuesday for a trip abroad in the search of health. He sails from New York for Alexandria getting a 14-days' sea voyage at the start of which he hopes will be of much benefit to him. He will visit various places before he returns.

At Bondville basketball team is "doing itself proud," having won two more victories. Saturday evening in Liberty Hall defeated the Holyoke basketball ball association by a score of 6 to 3. An enthusiastic audience of about three hundred witnessed the game. Thursday evening it played with the "Barre Reds" and won by 17 to 2.

The following teachers have returned their schools after the holidays at home: Miss Ora Parent to Hardwick, Miss Marjorie Bruce to Newbury, Miss Mabel Ryther to Keegan, Leon E. Ryther to Dow Academe, Franconia, N. H. Those who have returned to Bondville are Miss Chandler from New Wood, Miss Merrill from Worcester, M. M. Pope from Cambridge, Miss Whelan from Westhampton and Miss Bishop from Thompson.

Emmanuel Jones of Llandanero, Nova Scotia, one of the Christian workers now holding revival services at the Methodist church, will conduct a children's service Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the vestry. The service will be held by Rev. H. G. Allen, pastor of the church. The casket was borne up to the altar by Ernest Hobson, O. Parent, Ganley Bruce and Leon Ryther, preceded by the pastor, reading the burial service. The casket was covered by beautiful floral tributes, bearing testimony of the love and esteem in which he was held by his friends. The casket was composed of Miss Marjorie Bruce and Mabel Ryther, Messrs. O. Parent and Leon E. Ryther, mentioning very feelingly three of Mr. Sharrott's life sayings, "Abide with me," "Rock of Ages," and "In the sweet by and by." The funeral service was held by Rev. H. G. Allen, at his request the evening before. The burial took place in the Holyoke Corners cemetery.

**THORNDIKE.**

Coven, shoe dealer, offers the following drubbers: Men's storm Alukas 85c; men's rubbers \$1.25; ladies' high Alukas, two buckles, \$1.25; men's rubber shoes, \$1.25; men's rubber croquet rubbers 35c; men's rubber croquet rubbers 35c; all goods guaranteed quality. Fine line of the best furnishings, etc.

Mrs. H. T. Bishop returned Tuesday a visit with friends in Boston.

Daniel J. Mahoney is confined to his bed in Palmer Center with lung fever. His wife, Mrs. Mahoney, and son Henry have been on a visit to Montreal the past week. Joseph Kerrigan has at his farm near the Four Corners twin calves, born on Saturday.

Miss Emma and Frank Genard returned this week from a visit with relatives in Leeds.

Send the demand for more letters to Postmaster E. E. Kendall has added 50 call boxes.

Miss Nellie Howard of North Brookfield was the guest of Mrs. William Sullivan Sunday.

Work on the new iron bridge across the canal is expected to commence Wednesday.

John Fitzgerald and sister of Ware are the guests of Miss Albina Grigware of street on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Foster are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a boy on Wednesday.

The Fiskdale basketball team will here to-morrow evening at Union Hall in the Thorndike team.

Mr. James Richards is disposing of household goods preparatory to moving to Lowell in the spring.

Miss Lillie Foster of Ware spent the week in town as the guest of Miss B. Murphy of Ware road.

John McKim, who has been suffering from a severe cold the past week, is able to be about again.

Miss Sadie O'Keefe returned on Wednesday from her visit in Holyoke with sister, Miss Mary O'Keefe.

Mrs. Michael O'Reilly and daughter, Mrs. James Richards, have been visiting relatives in Amherst the past few days.

Frederick Gebro, who has been ill with pneumonia at his parents' home on avenue, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Matilda Coleman, son and daughter have been passing a vacation of several weeks with relatives in Woonsocket.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dussane and wife of Ware passed Sunday in Thorndike home of Mrs. Joseph Laplante.

Mrs. Timothy Keefe and children of Plains spent the Sunday with her sister, James Sullivan of Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Cronin, of Thorndike, have been visiting at Stokes and family on the Ware road.

George Smith fell upon the ice Sunday injuring his right knee. He is unable to resume work for a few days.

Carrie Perrault gave a most enjoyable New Year's party to a large number of friends Monday evening at his home on Church street.

A large number of Thorndike people to Bondville Wednesday evening to the special service held in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Anthony Belgos had one of his hands both ears frozen while returning from village on Sunday evening. Dr. Foster treated him.

The Columbian Band has decided postpone indefinitely the concert and which was to have been given at the opera house Jan. 12.

Mrs. T. Longine entertained a few friends at a large commercial street Sunday evening. Supper was served and all enjoyed a pleasant time.

Peter Cadieux, wife and son of the

The body of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cadieux of Four Corners.

The body of Mrs. Mary Sheehan, an old resident of Bondsville, well known in Thorndike, was brought here on Monday for interment in the Co. Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Eva Bishop has entered Mahanata Business College, New York, where she will take a six months' course in stenography, typewriting and business correspondence.

Mrs. G. B. Williams left on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock for the home of Misses Ruth and Marion Williams of Millbury, after a visit of several days at the home of Mrs. G. A. Murdoch, returned home Tuesday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clabbot gave a New Year party to a number of friends on Saturday evening which was pleasantly enjoyed. Refreshments and music helped pass the evening in a manner enjoyable to all.

A turkey supper was given the choir of St. Mary's church at the home of the plantist, Mrs. Thomas Longline, Xmas night. Both and Marion Williams of Millbury, and ferns, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The Thorndike basketball team was badly beaten by the B. B. A. team of Holyoke at Union Hall Friday evening by a score of 10-17. The home team played hard, but luck in trying to throw baskets, and did not play their usual game. The attendance was the smallest of the season.

Work on the St. Mary's Temperance hall is progressing rapidly. The windows were placed in the building Wednesday and all of the interior work is complete except the plastering, which will be commenced at once. The society at its meeting Wednesday evening admitted two new members.

A reunion of the Come family was held at the home of Archie Leach on Monday afternoon. About fifteen members being present. Dinah was served at the home of Mrs. Edward Bechard on Main street, when the party adjourned to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolduc's place. Refreshments were served and a general good time prevailed.

At a meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church Tuesday evening the following officers were chosen: President, Rev. Ernest B. Kendall; vice president, Mrs. Charles F. Moores; secretary, Mrs. A. L. Tolman; treasurer, Charles A. Tabor; organist, Miss Anna Collins; assistant, Miss Blanche Murdoch; collector, Stephen Clark.

The funeral of Mrs. Jeremiah Lynch was held on Sunday afternoon from St. Mary's church at 3:30. Rev. Francis J. Lynch officiating. The funeral was largely attended about fifteen members of the family. The floral offerings were profuse and handsome. The bearers were assisted by Messrs. Maurice Healey, John Manning, all of Thorndike, and Thomas Sullivan of River Intermont was in the Thorndike cemetery in the family lot.

The dance and cake-walk at Union Hall Saturday evening was attended by over 100 persons. The prize for dancing was won by William Smith of Palmer and partner, Miss Nellie O'Brien of Bondsville. The gold-headed cane was awarded to Joseph Paul of River, and the silver service was won by Henry Beachamp of Holyok. Much trouble was occasioned by the inclement weather, and clothing, and at the close of the dance there was almost a panic, the checking room being invaded, and many of the women were trampled under foot by the scramble for quick possession of their garments.

Mr. and Mrs. Healey, who have been substituting for a few days as elevator hand at the No. 12 mill in Thorndike met with what came near being a serious accident on Tuesday. It had placed two trucks or boxes on the elevator and after starting them down they started back. One of the carding department took his place on the elevator between the two boxes and was trapped under them. When the elevator descended only a short distance when it was stopped by boxes getting caught in the elevator door. The ropes of the elevator broke and the car fell slackened, while Healey was being squeezed between the two boxes and called for help. He was hoisted up by the ropes and, dangling upon his feet on the floor about 12 feet below. He was not seriously injured.

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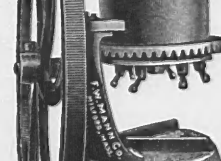
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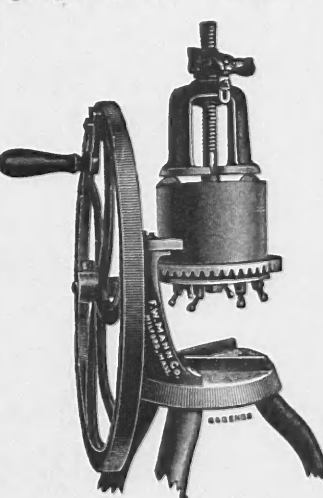
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COMMITTEE PLACES LOCALLY.

Members from this vicinity have pretty well in the committee appointments in the Great and General Court. Senator Kenefick of Palmer gets perhaps the greatest plum, for he is made chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments. It is an honor of which he is well proud, and is the first Democrat to hold a chairmanship in either branch since 1882. He is also given second place on the Senate judiciary committee and second on the committee on election laws. On the part of the House, Representative Bugbee of Monson is fifth on the committee on counties, Mr. Morse of Belchertown is second on the committee on agriculture and Mr. Beebe of Wilbraham is third. Mr. Morse is first on the committee on libraries.

GOULD TO HAVE IT.

As the time for the election of town officers draws near a good many of the Republican voters are wondering if they are to be given an opportunity to express their preferences as to the names of candidates to go on the caucus ballot. At times to make up of the town committee at times to make up of a ticket to suit itself and a few favored ones without consulting the wishes of the voters at large. Of course there was nothing to prevent any person from having a separate ticket printed and used at the caucus but in fact few do this. The average voter does not take kindly to this sort of treatment and is inclined to resent it. What the voters want is an opportunity to have some voice in the selection of names for the caucus ballot, and the suggestion is made that the town committee provide an Australian ballot for the caucus, printing thereon any name which is presented backed by the signatures of ten Republican voters. This would give ample opportunity for nominating and the caucus would give the actual preferences of the majority of those attending. It certainly is not an unreasonable thing to ask.

Among the deaths of the week is that of Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, the noted Roman Catholic priest of New York, Sunday at the age of 62 years. He was beloved by his people to an extent attained by few men in any walk in life, and labored earnestly and ardently for their spiritual and material welfare. In 1882 he incurred the displeasure of the Church by his speeches in behalf of the Irish Land League, and at other times down to 1886, when for the prominent part he took in the anti-slavery society founded by Henry George and his ardent in advocating the theory of the "single tax" of New York, he was censured and removed from his charge because of his advocacy of an order of things destructive to the foundations of the Church. The case attracted the attention of the whole country, and when the papal legate came to New York in 1887 he was tried at Washington, with the result that he was "declared free from ecclesiastical censures and restored to the exercise of priestly functions, after having satisfied the Pope's legate on all points in his case." He was allowed to celebrate mass, but was never restored to his old charge, which was keenly felt by him and his old parishioners.

Fish have been caught in the Chicago river this week for the first time in 20 years. This may sound strange to one not acquainted with that stream, if stream it could be called, for it was little better than a pool of thin mud, but to those who know it the strangeness lies in the fact that it could ever become clear enough for fish to live in. The opening of the great drainage canal connecting Lake Michigan with the Mississippi, causing the river to flow in the opposite direction by the lake water running toward the Gulf of Mexico, is responsible for the change, which will be heartily welcomed by Chicago people.

The British war office has decided that the American flag seized a few days ago in South African waters be released, and has ruled that breadstuffs shall not be deemed contraband of war unless intended for the enemy. Great Britain could hardly afford to do otherwise. Had she done so she would have been placed in a very awkward position should she at any time become involved in a war with any of the powers, depending to the extent she does on her imports for the subsistence of her people.

CONGRESSMAN GILLET'S TERM expires this year, and he is already being slated for re-nomination and election. He will probably get both, but he is not receiving the hearty support from all quarters of the district which he once did. He has antagonized his own party in numerous instances in regard to post office appointments, and they are being remembered against next fall. In this section, Monson will probably have a bone to pick with him next November.

The report of the state cattle commissioners shows that tuberculosis was found in 98 per cent of the cattle condemned and killed by them last year. This, with an average payment of \$22 per head for the animals, ought to do much toward dissipating the objections which have existed to the board and its methods. The safety of the public is certainly greatly enhanced with these animals where they can furnish neither milk nor beef for food.

A FAMILIAR FIGURE in the state's charitable work has passed away in the death last Saturday of Stephen C. Wrightington, at his home in Fall River. For 36 years he has been connected in one position and another with the administration of state charities in the Commonwealth.

SPRINGFIELD'S policemen have been ordered to take a regular course of manual training under an expert in that line. Visitors to the city looking for trouble are evidently to be accommodated in a scientific manner in the near future.

It is an ill wind which blows no one good. Owing to the scarcity of coal the farmers in some sections are making a good thing by selling wood to the mills, which are obliged to use this fuel to keep their steam plants running.

Shea-Moss Wedding at Thorndike. Miss Mary A. Shea of Thorndike and Joseph J. Moss of Naugatuck, Ct., were united in marriage Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the parsonage residence in Thorndike, Rev. Francis J. Lynch performing the ceremony. Miss Katie Riley of Boston, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Daniel J. Shea of Northampton, a brother of the bride, was best man. The bride wore a white dress with trimmings of satin and lace, with hat to match. The bridesmaid wore a neat fitting gown of brown herbertine with trimmings of satin, ribbon and braid. The bride's traveling dress was black crepon, with large black velvet hat to match. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. James Dufrene, sister of the bride, who resides on Harvey avenue. The groom is employed as cutter in a rubber shop in Naugatuck. The bride is a well known and popular young woman of Thorndike. The bride's gift to the maid was a handsome bracelet. The couple left Palmer on the 5:30 train for New York, and will be at home after Jan. 15 at 140 Main street, Waterbury, Ct. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful gifts.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Oysters 25 cents a quart, Pasco's, Eager's block.

PALMER NEWS.

Palmer Man Killed By Cars. Word was received here to-day that Thomas Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Water street, was killed at 8:15 this morning at Manchester, Ct. He was a brakeman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford road and formerly lived in Palmer, working on the Central Vermont road. Mr. Murphy was well known in town.

Oscar Marcy is ill at his home on Pleasant street with rheumatism. Michael Sullivan of Bondsville has taken a position in the hat shop.

Miss Margaret Callahan has gone to Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., for a visit.

W. H. Osmond of Amherst was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Adele Groat of Worcester is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Hill on Knox street.

John Ronan has severed his connection with the barber shop of C. R. Hoppe.

M. J. Doyle of Boston was the guest of his parents on Water street over Sunday.

Dr. Leonon of Gardner preached at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Sunday.

Bank Examiner Sayles and Commissioner Ott examined the two Palmer banks yesterday.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will meet with Mrs. E. G. Hastings next Tuesday afternoon.

Jeremiah Connor of Willimantic, Ct., was the guest of relatives in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chilson have returned from a visit with their son in Allston.

Patrick McQuaid of Monson was fined \$10 in the district court Monday for drunkenness, and paid a fine of \$5.

The Mothers' Club will meet with Mrs. D. L. Bodfish on Park street next Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

John Paul, the well-known resident, left yesterday for Dayton, O., to enter the soldiers' home there.

Andrew Sault of Staffordville has moved his family to Palmer, where he has accepted a position as lumberman.

C. Ralph LeGros has returned from a visit with friends in South Scituate, Mass., where he is in LeGros's drug store.

Palmer council, Knights of Columbus, held a regular meeting last night at their rooms in the opera house building.

The annual report of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society is being sent out to members this week by the secretary.

James Healey of Springfield, former resident of Palmer, was the guest of Michael Barrett on Valley avenue over Sunday.

Miss Sophie Cobb entertained the young people's whist club at the home of E. H. Rollins on Central street Friday evening.

The Y. P. C. U. of St. Paul's church will hold a business meeting and social at the home of Miss Annie Fish next Wednesday evening.

Samuel Brown severed his connection with the Palmer bakery on Church street Saturday night and has returned to his home in Monson.

The D. F. Holden Agency has sold for Mr. Orpha M. Easter of Brimfield her farm in that town to G. L. Brown of Manchester, Ct.

John Pasco has made arrangements to carry oysters in bulk at his lunch room in Eager's block, and will make the price 35 cents a quart.

W. F. Walcott has resigned his position in the freight house of the C. V. road and started Monday morning as salesman for a Chicago house.

George Ezekiel attended the meeting of the Western Massachusetts Life Underwriter's Association held in Springfield last Friday evening.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will hold a musical and musical entertainment on Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, in St. Paul's church.

Dr. Henry P. Jacques of Lenox has been appointed a trustee of the Massachusetts epileptic hospital in the place of Dr. A. C. Gatchell, resigned.

L. M. Lerrick post, G. A. R., held its regular monthly meeting in Memorial Hall yesterday evening for the transaction of the usual business.

Rev. O. R. Hunt, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in this place, but is now located at Fairfax, Vt.

The body of Fred Walker, who died while on his way home from the Philippines and which was buried in San Francisco, is to be brought to Palmer for burial.

F. H. Bliss of Springfield has accepted the position as organist at the Congregational church in the place of H. St. Clair Rainey, who has resigned.

Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall next Tuesday evening, and it is desired that a goodly number of the members be present.

The following unclaimed letters are advertised at the post office: Mrs. Isaac Ryder, Mrs. M. H. Huns, Mrs. Harrington, Miss Mary Bennett, R. W. Graham, F. J. Rice, J. B. Davis.

O. P. Allen, the druggist, is offering his creditors 15 cents on the dollar, and it is being generally accepted. The business also carried on as heretofore at the present quarters.

Contrary to expectations, the electric road to Monson will not be opened next Monday, the storm of last night having delayed matters to an extent which would render attempting to run unwise.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church will hold a social and debate next Tuesday evening in the rectory of the church. The subject of the debate will be "Resolved, that this is a Christian nation."

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church is planning to attend the supper of the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church at Monson on Tuesday evening, provided the electric cars are running, as is expected.

The force employed at the Boston and Albany station and yard was materially reduced in numbers yesterday, seven men being off duty for reason and another, leaving the force decidedly short-handed.

Dr. L. H. Hendee, surgeon on the staff of the captain of the Massachusetts department of Sons of Veterans, installed the newly-elected officers of the Uxbridge camp, Sons of Veterans, at that place Monday evening.

The Eagle Athletic Club has elected the following officers: President, William Barrett; vice president, John Matthews; secretary, Henry Hobbs; treasurer, George Warner; manager of baseball team, Louis Brainerd; captain of baseball team, George Warner.

O. P. Allen, a member of the Massachusetts state board of agriculture for the past three years, attended the annual meeting of that body at the state house this week, and by appointment read a paper on "The evolution of agriculture."

The electric road has had lots of trouble to-day. The track has been so slippery that the plow has been "off again, on again" most of the day. The track to Three Rivers was not open the middle of the forenoon, the cars running only a short distance beyond Thorndike.

Death of Frank R. Lawton.

Frank R. Lawton, 47, died at his home on Park street at 3:15 this afternoon from the effects of a carbuncle on his neck. The trouble first appeared about three weeks ago, and an operation was performed last Friday. That did not prove efficacious, and another was performed this forenoon, but the trouble was too deep rooted and he survived only a few hours. Mr. Lawton was born in Ware, where he lived until he came to Palmer about 1878 to take charge of a clothing store. A branch of his father's business in Ware. He continued until he entered the employ of C. K. Gamwell as clerk in a similar store in 1885, with whom he had since remained, a trusted and valued employee, thoroughly honest in every way, looking as carefully after his employer's interests as though they were his own. He was generally liked and much respected, and a large circle of friends mourn his loss and extend a large measure of sympathy to the bereaved family. Mr. Lawton leaves a wife and one daughter, Pearl. He was a member of the Masonic order, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Beatrice, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shepard, died this morning about 6 o'clock from a complication of measles, diphtheria and whooping cough. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard have a large circle of friends in their sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sympathy.

D. L. Bodfish inaugurated his sixth annual sale of cotton underwear yesterday, to continue ten days. Many of the garments were bought before the advance in prices. Ladies' jackets and capes will also be included in this special sale.

Daniel Connor, who was suffering with appendicitis, was taken to the House of Mercy hospital in Springfield Monday afternoon by the Knights of Columbus, and an operation performed, from which he is recovering, and hopes are entertained that he will be about again in a short time.

It was decidedly slippery traveling for a while Wednesday forenoon, and pedestrians had hard work to keep their feet under them. A slight rain fell and froze as fast as it touched the ground, coating everything with a thin film of ice which gave pedestrians serious trouble. Many persons suffered from falls.

The stockholders of the Palmer National Bank met in the banking room Tuesday afternoon and elected these officers: President, J. B. Shaw; vice president, E. Fairbanks; cashier, C. B. Fiske; directors, J. B. Shaw, E. Fairbanks, C. B. Fiske, G. H. Wilkins, G. M. Atkins, J. F. Holbrook.

The Odd Fellows' opera house has been leased to Frank W. Lent for a year, with the privilege of a longer term. Mr. Lent has had considerable experience in the theatrical business, and will endeavor to give the patrons of the house pleasing attractions. He will take possession the first of next month.

The second in the Eagle Athletic Club's course of entertainments, a lecture by Rev. Dr. A. A. Willis, occurred in the opera house Wednesday evening, and was well attended and generally liked. The speaker's subject was "Sinners," and he gave his audience much to think about and carry away with them.

Rev. C. R. Minard, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Palmer, is now located in Denver, Col., as pastor of the Capitol Hill Baptist church in that city. Mr. Minard preached only once or twice previous to his departure to the church, proving an acceptable call to the church, and has a salary of \$1000 to begin with.

The Ladies' Society of the Congregational church will hold a social in the church parlors next Wednesday evening, with supper at 6. These ladies will serve: Mrs. G. H. Bray, Mrs. W. D. Clark, Mrs. C. W. Hastings, Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Mrs. G. H. Wilkins.

Edwin P. Frost and Charles Thompson were found fighting in the barn of J. M. Allen about 1 o'clock Sunday morning and taken to the police station. Mr. Thompson was fined \$10 and Frost \$5; both paid. The row was over a woman, and Frost suffered the most damage, being pretty well battered up.

Mrs. J. R. Barney of Providence, R. I., the prison evangelist and all round the world missionary for the world's Woman's Christian Temperance union, will speak on "My Mission to the World," in the Congregational church next Monday evening. Every one is cordially invited to be present. A collection will be taken to defray expenses.

These officers have been elected by the Sunday school of St. Paul's Universalist church: Superintendent, Joseph Page; assistant superintendent, W. W. Leach; librarian, Miss Mary Robinson; assistant, Miss Pearl Fish; organist, Miss Annie Fish; assistant, Miss Lulu Goodes; second assistant, Miss Etta Boright.

The first of the Farmers' institutes under the auspices of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society and the Monson Grange will be held in Monson next Monday evening at 7:30. It is expected that the electric cars will be running by that time, giving Palmer people an opportunity of attending with means of getting home again after the meeting.

The adjourned parish meeting of the Universalist church was held Tuesday evening in the church and the various reports of the church organizations were read, showing that about \$3000 had passed through the hands of the different treasurers the past year. F. P. Ball was elected a member of the parish committee in the place of C. H. Keith, resigned.

These officers of the Once-a-Week club were elected at a meeting held Saturday evening: President, George S. Holden; vice president, A. G. Newton; secretary, E. E. Pierce; treasurer, E. E. Pierce was at first unanimously re-elected president, but declined to serve again. After the business meeting a supper was served.

John Cullen was injured at the wire mill Monday morning. He was working in wire-drawing machine, whose speed had been slackened for the time being, when it suddenly started. His left arm was caught and he was drawn around several times. His arm was badly injured and his right knee and left side were bruised. He was attended by Dr. Schneider.

The Mothers' Club held its annual meeting last Friday afternoon and elected these officers: Vice president, Mrs. G. M. Ezekiel; secretary, Mrs. G. E. Dairymple; treasurer, Mrs. M. S. French; program committee, Mrs. D. L. Bodfish, Mrs. J. Simmons and Mrs. Homer Shaw. Mrs. L. E. Chandler was elected president but declined to serve, and the vacancy has not yet been filled.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Brookfield Association of Ministers was held in the Congregational church Tuesday. During the morning session Professor Henry Smith of Amherst college spoke on "The Authority of Old Testament scripture." In the afternoon Rev. John L. Sewell of Brookfield read a paper on "Christian stewardship," which was followed by an informal discussion.

Mrs. A. T. Wing met with an accident at her home on North Main street Wednesday. She was coming down the front steps and not noticing that the rain which was falling had frozen on the stones, slipped and fell. She struck on her wrist to such a manner as to bend and also bruise it. She rose to tend and was about to walk when she felt faint and was going to faint, and then fell.

second time. She was taken into her home, considerably shaken by the fall, but her injuries are not serious.

At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon Rev. O. G. Pettie will give the second of his series of sermons on "Religious lessons from great lives," and will talk upon "Lessons from the life of Moses." Additional features in the musical programme of the service have been arranged. The sermon will be held at 5 o'clock, and the musical programme will be held at 5 o'clock, which is a very reasonable hour.

Fred J. Brown of Brimfield and Miss Anna House, formerly of Palmer, were married on Monday evening, Jan. 1, at Newton by Rev. Dr. William H. Davis. Mrs. Brown is well known in Palmer and Brimfield, where she formerly resided. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. House, live on the North farm. Mr. Brown formerly resided in Brimfield and is at present employed in the Automobile company's factory at Newton. The newly married couple will reside on Channing street in that city.

E. H. Rollins, superintendent of the Central Massachusetts Electric Co.'s plant, has tendered his resignation, and will leave the employ of the company Thursday, Jan. 12. He will take a vacation of a month at his home in Vermont, after which he will take a position elsewhere, a fine one having been offered him, entirely unsolicited on his part. Mr. Rollins has been in Palmer since November, 1897, when the electric company began business, and has made many friends. He will greatly regret his departure from the place.

The Palmer Business and Social Club met in the club rooms Wednesday evening and elected these officers: President, T. W. Kenefick; vice president, G. S. Holden; 2d vice president, A. C. Thompson; secretary, H. W. Holbrook; treasurer, W. E. McDonald; trustees, E. P. Ball, W. H. Brainerd, H. W. Holbrook, T. W. Kenefick, W. E. McDonald, L. W. Caryl; election committee, Dr. J. P. Schneider; W. E. McDonald, E. Brigham Ball, T. J. Moran, C. F. Armstrong. The reports of the treasurer and secretary were read and were very acceptable.

"Skipped by the light of the moon" was presented at the opera house Monday night, and the only thing the audience found fault with was the fact that it failed to skip the lights. Many of the productions on the road have some slight thread of a plot on which to hang the specialties which they present, but neither thread, plot or specialties could be discovered in the performance of this company. It was the "rattiest" thing seen in Palmer in many a day, for it could have been worse and could hardly be hardly improved.

The funeral of Clarence A. Brown was held from his late residence on North Main street Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. F. B. Harrison of the Congregational church officiated. The Trunk quartet of Springfield sang several selections, the first being Mrs. Brown's favorite piece, "Remember Thy Father's Name." The bearers were C. F. Grosvener, F. D. Barton, F. W. Harrison, W. H. Higgins of Palmer, George Cony of Ware and Samuel Johnson of Salem. There were a large number of beautiful floral pieces, from friends and the societies to which he had been a member.

The Central Massachusetts Electric Company held its annual meeting in the company's office on Main street Monday afternoon and made choice of these officers: President, Charles E. Fiske of Palmer; vice president, George C. Flyn of Monson; treasurer, George C. Flyn of Monson; secretary, George C. Flyn of Monson; directors, C. A. Granis of Waterbury, George E. Fuller of Monson, Edward Fairbanks of Warren, Wilson H. Fairbank of Warren, Charles B. Fiske of Palmer, A. W. Page of Waterbury, C. N. G. Bushnell of Bridgeport, Ct., E. F. Fish of Palmer and George C. Flyn of Monson.

The Ladies' Social Union of the Universalist church held its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. O. G. Pettie; vice presidents, Mrs. Charles Keith and Mrs. H. A. Newton; secretary, Mrs. W. W. Leach; chairman of the charity committee, Mrs. Maria Lawrence; collector, Mrs. W. A. Barnes; secretary of Dorcas, Mrs. Emma Gann; work committee, Mrs. Frank Lawton, Mrs. Charles Bannister, Mrs. A. J. Adams and Mrs. J. M. Allen; pianist and organist, Mrs. F. N. Carr; and Mrs. H. D. Converse. A supper was served at 6:30, and during the evening the pews were rented.

Special Deputy Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hart of Springfield installed these officers of the Good Cheer Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening: N. G. N. E. Emma Murdoch; Julia H. May; E. Robinson; treasurer, Emily Holdsworth. These officers were also appointed and installed: Warden, Alma Keudall; conductor, Lucy Bishop; O. G. N. G. George H. Bray; L. S. N. G. Ellen M. Holden; R. S. V. G. Sarah Bray; L. S. V. G. Agnes Wilson; chaplain, Clara L. Converse; organist, Ada E. Fillmore; P. N. G. Carrie B. Reed. After the installation a collation was served.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. F. M. Webber on Park street Tuesday afternoon and the following were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. S. Ramden; 1st vice president, Mrs. O. A. Parent of Bondsville; 2d vice president, Mrs. Cambridge Moulton; 3d vice president, Mrs. J. Burlingame of Three Rivers; recording secretary, Mrs. F. J. Smith; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hitchcock; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Smith; superintendent of mother's meeting, Mrs. S. C. Hunt; superintendent of flower mission, Mrs. C. W. Robinson.

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## The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1900.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

## MONSON.

## Death of Patrick Shea.

Patrick Shea, one of the oldest citizens of the town, died at his home at South Monson yesterday morning of typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. Shea was well known here, having made this town his home for the past 50 years.

He was 79 years of age and leaves a widow and eight children.

Mrs. James Pendergast, Maria, Nancy, Delia and Johanna of this town, Mrs. Richard Powers of Norwich, Ct., Rev. Patrick Shea of Benson, Minnesota, and David Spencer, of this town, were present at the funeral.

The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Merrill Carey has returned from a brief visit at Amherst.

William Flynn resumed his studies at Yale College Monday.

Miss Blanche Cushman has returned to Wellesley College.

Walter Decatur of Palmer spent the week with friends in town.

Edward Cushman has returned to his studies at Lakewood, Ct.

Mrs. James Burdick is quite ill at her home on Mechanic street.

The Dorcas Society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. R. P. Cushman.

Miss Carolyn Flynn has returned to school at Burnham Hall, Northampton.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Elmer Thompson to-morrow evening.

Mrs. A. D. Norcross has been called to Rockdale on account of the serious illness of her father.

Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps held its regular meeting in Grand Army Hall Wednesday.

Mrs. C. W. Jackson is teaching in the mechanics art high school at Springfield for a few weeks.

The body of Ella Smith, 55, was brought here Saturday afternoon and placed in the receiving tomb.

E. W. Wescott's barber shop at the Century Hotel has been undergoing extensive alterations the past week.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Fitz of this town and Dr. Thomas West of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Daly, matron at Hammond Hall, was called home Thursday to Chicago on account of the illness of her mother.

George Ritter has returned to school at Bangor, Me., and James Colman and George Tucker to the University of Maine at Orono.

Miss Helen Browne, who has been the guest of her sister, Myra Browne, returned to her home at North Stonington, Ct., Monday.

George H. Seymour has received official notice of his appointment to the office of postmaster, but will not take possession until February 1st.

A meeting of the superintendents of schools for the counties of Hampden and Hampshire will be held at the Century Hotel to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The weather of the past week has been very favorable for the work on the Academy gymnasium, and the walls of the first story are nearly completed.

Cushman's branch mill, now run by the Massasoletts Westcott Co., has been wired for electric lights and connected with power from the Blanchardville plant.

Mr. Copeland of Worcester spent Sunday with Rev. F. S. Hatch and gave a very interesting talk to the Christian Endeavor Society at 10 o'clock.

William A. Needham, foreman of the cutters yard for the West Dunsmuir, Vt., with a force of men to work for a few weeks.

The electric road bridge over the railroad above North Monson was visited by a good number of people Sunday, who were anxious to see how soon the bridge would be completed.

Mrs. Frederick Burt, who has been living in G. H. Norcross's house on Main street, has broken up housekeeping and will board with Mrs. H. C. Norcross on Cushman street.

Station Agent C. G. Thompson has been at Richville, N. Y., the past week, called there by the death of his aunt. G. F. Ball has had charge of the depot during his absence.

Patrick McQuade was arrested Sunday afternoon by Officer Osborne on the charge of drunkenness and was taken to the district court at Palmer Monday morning, where he was fined \$10.

The Republican town committee met in the Memorial Hall Thursday evening and organized for the year as follows: Chairman, R. H. Cushman; secretary, F. E. Severy; treasurer, Dr. H. A. Merchant.

Monson people will be disappointed that the electric cars do not start regular trips next Monday, but the storm of last night and other matters has caused a delay which will render such an event impossible.

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The pastor of the Universalist church will speak Sunday morning on "Popularity and principle." His sermon prelude will be, "A year in New England." Subject of the Christian Union meeting at 6 o'clock is "Say so."

The annual meeting of the Congregational parish was held in the small chapel Tuesday evening. Dr. G. E. Fuller was chosen moderator and C. C. Keep clerk. The following officers were elected: Treasurer, P. E. Morris; auditor, R. P. Cushman; prudential committee, Dr. G. E. Fuller, L. C. Flynn, Rufus Fay; music committee, L. C. Flynn, C. C. Keep, R. H. Cushman. The meeting was adjourned until next Tuesday night at 7:45, when the appropriations for the coming year will be made.

The starting of the electric cars on the Palmer and Monson extension has been the source of much speculation. Ever since Sunday rumors that the bridge was completed and cars were running have been prevalent, and many bets have been made and paid. The first car to cross the bridge was Wednesday afternoon, and was run as far as the turnout at North Monson. Yesterday cars were run as far as the residence of Rev. James Tuttle, and if weather permits the whole track will be cleared in a few days.

At the meeting of Monson lodge of Odd Fellows Monday evening these officers were installed by District Deputy C. A. Royce and suite of Palmer: N. G. J. M. Wright; V. G. C. F. Clough; recording secretary, V. G. C. F. Clough; financial secretary, C. H. Allen; business manager, C. H. Allen; C. S. N. G. H. N. Butler; L. S. N. G. Fred Flynn; R. S. V. G. Mordock; McPherson; L. S. V. G. Charles Aldrich; inside guard, George Warriner; outside guard, J. C. Hale; treasurer, R. M. Smith; chaplain, F. S. Lorenzo Hutchinson; conductor, Edwin C. Bradley; warden, Harrison Howe; musical director, C. F. Orcutt.

Get your orders at Tasso's, Main street, Palmer.

J. H. Thayer has sold his store in Belchertown.

James Wilson has been spending a few days in Boston.

A social dance was held in Ruggles's Hall last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Gray of Springfield visited the family of D. S. Gray, Saturday.

A. L. Rivard has received the position of bookkeeper in the spinning room at the Palmer Mill.

The weekly cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of E. F. Shaw next Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Frank and children have returned after a stay of two weeks with friends in New Haven.

There was a fire in the picker room of the Palmer Mill Tuesday, but it was put out before much damage was done.

Walter Shires, second-hand of the spinning room of the Palmer Mill, has accepted an over-seer's position in Chadwick, N. Y.

The trees in the old cemetery opposite the French Catholic church have been cut down this week. Other improvements are to be made later.

The annual business meeting and roll call of the Union church was held Tuesday evening and these officers elected: Clerk, A. S. Geer; treasurer, T. D. Frank; deacon for three years, Abel Collins; members of the standing committee, F. H. Trickett and J. T. Geer; auditor, F. A. Upham; collector, James Wilson; collectors of Sunday offerings, Arthur Provo and Merton Twoog; ushers, F. W. Lavine and C. B. Severy.

A church has been admitted on confession of faith and eight by letter during the year, and eight have been removed by letter and two by death. The number of resident members is 128.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Miss Nellie Friday gave a party at her home last Friday night in honor of Miss Florence Howard of Tuxedo Falls. Receptions were served and the evening was passed with progressive whist.

LUDLOW.

The Men's Improvement Club will hold a meeting Wednesday evening, when the subject for discussion will be evening schools.

Mrs. W. H. Line died Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Thomas, after a short illness. She had lived in Ludlow only a short time, having lived in Alliance, until the death of her husband, a few months ago. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning. Rev. E. D. Francis of Ludlow Center officiating, and the body was taken to Alliance for burial.

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The house of Mary Converse on High street, together with the contents, were burned Wednesday evening, the fire being caused by a defective flue. Loss \$1000; partially insured.

Martin C. Switzer, 24, died Wednesday at his father's home on Church street after a six-week illness with typhoid fever which terminated in peritonitis. He leaves a father, mother and two brothers, George of Springfield and Eddie of Boston. His sickness was of the most severe form from the start, and he has been a great sufferer. He was a member of the Baptist church and a young man of much promise, very strong and robust. The loss will fall heavily on the aged parents, with whom he lived and upon whom they depended very much. They have the sympathy of all.

WEST WARREN.

George Bliss is cutting ice this week from his reservoir. Joseph Blair is also getting his supply from the same place.

J. Bliss of Cottage street was arrested and fined \$20 last week for selling the ardent. Information was given the officers by a "friend" of the family.

Once more it is positively stated that No. 4 mill will be fitted with machinery and started at once. West Warren people are glad to know that "all things come to them that wait."

At the M. E. church next Sunday there will be communion service and reception of members. Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. William Rice Newell, D. D. All are most cordially invited.

The shops and water privilege once owned by the late A. W. Crossman have been sold to parties who will introduce a new industry to this part of the town. There are many rumors as to what it will be, but probably paper mills will be erected there.

BRIMFIELD.

Dr. James F. Marsh of Springfield was in Brimfield Monday.

Rev. Charles E. Sumner of Spencer visited relatives in town this week.

Mrs. Orus Parker has accepted the office of lecturer in the local Grange.

Miss Julia T. Brown returned Friday from a visit to Mrs. W. H. Wilson in Springfield.

John H. Noyes left town last Friday, after spending a vacation of two weeks in Brimfield.

Mrs. Orpha Easter has sold her place on the Palmer road to Gilbert Brown of Manchester, Ct.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert commenced their duties as warden and matron at the town farm the first of January.

Mrs. Elijah Allen returned home last Friday after spending two weeks in Worcester with her son, Marshall S. Allen.

The new hours of opening the library, which are on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 and on Saturday afternoons from 4 to 5, were commenced last week, and the improvement is greatly appreciated by patrons who will be better accommodated by the means. There was an unusually large attendance last week.

WILBRAHAM.

The winter term of Wesleyan Academy opened with five more students than were registered in the fall.

The young people gave Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Greene a surprise party last Saturday evening and presented them with a sum of money.

The parishioners of the First Congregational church have been presented with a "New Year's Greeting," written by their pastor, Rev. M.



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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

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LEAVE Brattleboro, 9.12 a. m. and 5.50 p. m. for New London, connecting at Millers Falls with Fitchburg R. R. to Belcherstown with Central Mass. R. R. and at Palmer with F. & A. R. R. for Worcester, Boston and Springfield; and at New London with the N. Y. & H. R. R.

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Expansion.

Met a fellow 'tender mornin'.

Most amusin' sort of cuss;

His style about him, his

Chatterbox couldn't be wuss.

I say: "Where you hail, f'r pardner?"

He smiles in knowin' way.

Replies in foreign lingo:

"Porto Rico, U. S. A."

Seen a fellow down on Broadway,

With a chicken head of hair,

An' 'lo' o' tropic garments;

An' a most outlandish air;

Says: "My home is fur away."

But before we time to say,

This eye heathen turned and answered:

"Honolulu, U. S. A."

Met a fellow yere on Olive

With a sombrero on his head;

Had a lot of shaggy whiskers,

Nearly all his clothes gone;

Stopped and ask me fur a quarter,

Says: "My home is fur away."

"Where you from?" the varmint answered:

"Santiago, U. S. A."

Seen a fellow at the Southern,

With a heavy iron box;

Overcoat was lined with beardskin;

Wore a dozen pair of socks,

Sized him up to be a miner,

Judgin' by his awkward way;

Seen him write in big characters,

"Hawson City, U. S. A."

Seen a caddis colored beaver,

Wearin' a saddle on his nose;

Linin' cuffs around his ankles;

Most indecent lack of clothes,

"Where'd this beaver guy spring from?"

I inquired in lofty way;

An' he had the nerve to answer:

"From Manila, U. S. A."

"Gee!" I says, "I never heard of

These canyons before;

Air these beavers yere all voters

Will we ask fur any more?

Next you know, you ask a fellow:

Where he's from, and he will say,

With a lanky kind of flourish:

"All Creation, U. S. A."

"DOWN-RIVER."

A TALE OF ARMY LIFE.

The stately emblem of freedom, floating

on a tall flag-staff on the parade-ground at

Fort Buford, swayed gracefully in the after-

noon breeze. The small expanse of turf

that sloped down to the swift-rolling

Missouri was dotted with trim buildings

which had seemingly won a martial appear-

ance from their occupants. A chill was

noticeable in the air, though June reigned,

and countless mosquitoes reigned also, hover-

ing in dense swarms over the willows near

the river's edge—mosquitoes whose spiteful

sting was almost out of proportion to their

size. Even the stolid Indians from the

Gros Ventres village, two miles north,

just over the boundary line in Montana, were

visibly affected by these ubiquitous pests

and waved eagles' wings before their im-

perishable graves when they stood upon the

banks while a cargo of military supplies

was being unloaded from a "down-river" boat.

Hither and thither, across the parade-

ground, figures in blue were moving slowly,

soldiers with the dull, apathetic countenances

characterizing so many troops upon the

northwestern frontier. But to-day there

was a brightening of faces, a quickening of

steps, for the "down-river" had brought

letters from the States and home.

An unusually generous mail, too. Several

men laughed when they took Zack Brayton

from his check and his letter in his hand.

He had never been known to receive one since the coming

of the company to Fort Buford. He was a tall,

awkward fellow, one of those shuffling

men who suggest some mistake on the part of

nature in choosing material for the army.

stood now just outside the gymnasium,

the letter fluttering in his grasp, the torn

envelope crushed in one strong hand. He

had read it over twice and was beginning

at the first page again, mumbling it indistin-

ctly:

"You and me ain't so much to each other

as husband and wife ought be. If we had,

you wouldn't never have gone away. I're

kept silence a long time, waiting for you to

say you cared, but you don't say that yet;

and now it's my comin' and the strange

feelings all over me that makes me write.

The doctor says it won't be long—and there's

little Jim and the baby—"

He stopped suddenly and crumpled the

pitiful scrawl in his brawny fist and pushed

the back of his hand across his deep-set

eyes.

"I don't know rightly what I'll do," he

was, desperately, and then he straightened

up as a comrade approached, laughing.

"Lots of news, Zack?" he queried in a

teasing way.

The man looked at his interlocutor with a

blank expression.

"How's all the folks?" persisted the sol-

dier.

A puzzled expression settled on Zack

Brayton's face. He dug one foot doggerly

into the turf. "It warn't her fault—never!"

he muttered.

"Oh! It was a lover's quarrel, hey?"

quizzed the soldier.

"No; it warn't no quarrel," fiercely

replied Zack, and then he suddenly strode

away.

Ten minutes later Zack Brayton stood

more awkwardly than ever before the

he was obliged to push away with his

paddle.

"How they must 'a' growed!" he repeated

to himself, cheerily. It seemed as though

he had been away a century. His head

drooped, an unconscious of hours incidents

passed through his quickened brain.

A village, with its white-spired church,

rose from the near bank. The boat,

carried around in an abrupt bend and sud-

denly it felt from its course by a strong



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1 " Standard Tomatoes, 9c  
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DEATH OF TWO MONSON MEN.

George Darling.

George Darling, 55, died at his home at  
Silver Street Friday morning of heart failure,  
having been ill for several months. Mr.  
Darling was a carpenter by trade, and had  
done a good deal of building in Monson at  
different times. He was a member of Co.  
D, 34th Mass. Vols., and saw a good deal of  
active service in the war, being wounded  
and taken prisoner at the battle of New-  
market. He leaves a widow and seven  
children; of these the sons are Fred at  
Palmer, George at Brimfield, Henry and  
Willard at Monson; the daughters are Mrs.  
George Baldwin, Mrs. Clara Darling of Monson,  
and one at Waterbury. He has three brothers  
living, Willard of Monson, Henry who is  
in Florida for the winter, and Marshall at  
Waterbury, Ct. Funeral services were held  
from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30.  
Rev. F. S. Hatch officiating; burial was in  
the number 1 cemetery.

William G. Meacham.

William G. Meacham died at his home on  
Pleasant street in Monson Saturday night of  
heart trouble, his last illness being only of a  
few days, though he had been in poor health  
for several months. Mr. Meacham was born  
in Tolland, Ct., Feb. 5, 1844, and received his  
education in the schools of that place.  
August 25, 1862, he enlisted in the 23d Conn.  
Vols., Co. K, and served in the war, being  
wounded at the battle of Antietam. He was  
his father at Monson in the meat business.  
In Aug., 1865, he married Sarah J. Holman  
of Tolland, who died Dec. 23d, 1886. In  
Dec., 1887, he married Martha White, who  
survives him. He came to Monson in Aug.,  
1888, and engaged in the meat business under  
the firm name of King & Meacham in the  
old Barton block. Later he bought out his  
partner and carried the business on alone,  
and most of the time for 14 years this was  
his main business. He was a member of the  
Congregational church, and was a leader in  
the time of his death. Here he  
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cultural implements and fertilizers, and also  
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# The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 23, 1900.

The West wins the national Democratic convention, and it will be held in Kansas City July 4th.

Military rule in the Philippines is to be ended soon, it is announced, and a police system will take its place in the maintenance of order.

Western Massachusetts carries off another honor at the state house. Representative Stone of Springfield is made House chairman of the committee which is to investigate the doings of the Metropolitan Water Board.

Complaint has been made in New York that the play "Sapho," which Olga Netherland is giving, is indecent and must be suppressed, and she and her manager have been arrested, pending a decision of the court as to the character of the production. It must be pretty rotten if New York can't stand it.

DR. MARY WALKER is a freak in more ways than one, and would not be content unless she was doing something out of the ordinary. She appeared before the Assembly at Albany on Tuesday and offered to prove beyond a doubt that Molinoux was innocent of the murder of Mrs. Adams. Quaker, if she knew all about it all the time, that she has kept silent until now.

The sportsmen and fanciers' exhibit at Monmouth, which will begin next Tuesday evening and last until Saturday evening, will not doubt be well attended. The town was famous for its exhibitions of this kind years ago, and with some of the old managers now at the helm there will no doubt be something worth seeing. Indeed, the horses, birds and articles already on exhibition, with more to follow.

SENATOR CLARK of Montana testifies that he paid \$115,000 for "legitimate expenses" in connection with the campaign which resulted in his election to the United States Senate, and that he never thought and does not now think that there was any corruption or bribery connected with his election. Others think differently, and sworn statements of attempted bribery are made. "Legitimate" election expenses of \$115,000 sounds rather strange, to say the least.

Monmouth people are beginning to discuss the question of license for the coming year, and some who are talking of voting yes this year. They say that with the installation of the electric cars the Monmouth drinkers have easy access to Palmer, where their money is spent, while Monmouth gets only the undesirable after effects. They say that money might as well be spent at home and the town be the gainer by the addition of the license fees to the treasury.

EVIDENTLY the tide is turning against the Boers. Gen. Cronje, who has been retreating, is reported surrounded and fighting desperately, with apparently little hope of getting out. Reinforcements are on the way to him, but are being looted after by the British, who after two desperate attempts on Sunday and Monday to carry the Boers' position by assault, which resulted in heavy losses for the attacking party, decided to abandon that line and pay attention to driving back the reinforcements. The situation looks bad for Cronje, but he is a fighter and the end is not yet.

MATTERS regarding the nomination of candidates for election seemed to remain quiet through the week, at least so far as anything appeared on the surface, until within the past 24 hours, when an entirely new combination of names has been suggested. C. H. Hobbs, E. G. Hastings and G. M. Atkins. Those who have made the suggestion point to the fact that each is a thorough and experienced business man, looking for nothing but the best interests of the town, and would be sure to bring valuable experience into town affairs. Although the movement is young, its promoters say that they are sure they can nominate their men.

THERE is a growing feeling among the voters of the town that the tenure of office for the board of assessors should be changed so as to elect one year, and one for three years. There is much of wisdom in this plan, for the services of an experienced man on the board are certainly valuable. Under the present system there is a possibility of having three new men every year; while this has not been the custom with the Palmer voters, there is nothing to prevent it and no telling how soon such a change may be made. It will be impossible to make a change this year to the new method, as it would require a vote of the town to do, but the change might well be voted this year, to take effect next.

The pitiful position of the small town—or the large one either, for that matter—without fire protection, is shown by the experience of Enfield, almost the entire business part of which was burned Monday, six new business blocks being consumed and nine places of business being wiped out. The loss is \$40,000. A similar fire visited the town in 1896. The town of Blanford also suffered a serious fire the same night, the fifth blaze within a year. Small places are usually slow to provide themselves with any adequate fire protection for the business section, those living beyond its limits objecting to helping pay for what does them "no good." It may increase the expense would be considerable, but there not infrequently comes a time when in a few short hours the protection would be worth its cost many times over.

Death of John Austin of Bondville.  
John C. Austin of South Belchertown died of consumption Saturday in the Adirondacks, where he had been for his health, accompanied by his sister Josie, who was with him at the time of his death. Mr. Austin was a very promising man of 27. He attended Amesbury Agricultural College and was graduated from Holy Cross in 1896 and for the past three years had been studying in Paris for the priesthood, and would have been consecrated to that office last June if health had permitted. He was able to speak and read in five different languages. The funeral was held at St. Bartholomew's church Wednesday morning at 10:15 o'clock, when a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated. The church was crowded by friends long before the service began. Rev. Michael Griffin of Springfield was deacon, Rev. Michael Kavanaugh of St. Stephen's church, Worcester, was sub-deacon, and Rev. Edward L. Judge of Uxbridge was master of ceremonies. Rev. Joseph McGrath of Belchertown, classmate and intimate friend of the deceased, and Rev. Joseph Marchant of St. Anne's church, Three Rivers, occupied seats inside the sanctuary. At the close of the service Rev. Joseph McGrath delivered the eulogy. He had been associated with the deceased in many ways, and was thoroughly acquainted with him, and could speak intelligently of his Christian life. He had used his life as an example well to be followed by others; ambitious, true and persevering. The people were moved to tears and this very touching and loving tribute. When the opportunity was given, hundreds looked upon the face of the deceased. The music was directed by Mrs. Clifford Griffin, organist. The Gregorian mass for the dead was rendered, and "De Profundis" was sung by Daniel Austin of Troy, N. Y., Daniel Kennedy of Belchertown, Stephen Murphy of Springfield, Daniel J. Curran, Michael Springfield and Thomas Ashe of Holyoke. The Austin and McGrath families of Belchertown, Holyoke, Framingham, Chicopee Falls, Belchertown and the villages of Palmer.

## LOCAL NOTICES.

Notice.—All coal bills remaining unpaid April 1st will be placed in other hands for collection. J. A. Hamilton, Palmer.

## PALMER NEWS.

Small Boy's Narrow Escape.

A six-year-old son of Peter Cote, while playing Tuesday afternoon on a high embankment back of Liberty Hall block, lost his footing and fell over an embankment about 30 feet, striking on his head and shoulders in the snow below. As he did not move for a second, employees in Sullivan's bakery ran to his assistance, expecting to find him dead, but on taking him out found that he was alive with no bones broken, and only a few bruises.

## Hands and Feet Frozen.

A young man named Zaucke of Three Rivers, who is subject to fits of insanity, was found wandering about the streets in Stafford Springs, Ct., Wednesday, and no information regarding his residence or family could be gotten from him. In the evening he was taken in charge by Officer Helm of that place and lodged in the lockup. Later he became rational and gave the officers information concerning his relatives in Three Rivers, who were notified, and he was brought home. He had evidently suffered somewhat from the weather, and his hands and feet were frozen. He left his home suddenly and his relatives were unable to locate him until notified by the police.

## Rather a Cold Bath.

Joseph Anosky, a Polish baker living in that part of South Belchertown known as "Skeeterville," while getting ice Tuesday afternoon drove onto the pond, and when within about 20 feet of the shore the ice gave way and he and his horse went into the water, which was deep enough to cover the load, but left Anosky sitting on it in the water. He managed to get the horse and himself out, but the horse broke the harness and by means of ropes was pulled out. It required considerable hard work to get the wagon out. A man named Burke, in running to the rescue, slipped on the ice and so injured his hip as to be unable to walk. He was assisted to his home by a neighbor, and later taken to his home in a team.

An account of stock was taken at the town farm yesterday.

"Town Topics" has been booked for March 9 at the opera house.

Miss Flood of the epileptic hospital is visiting friends in Gardner.

Miss Blanche Holey is home from Mt. Holyoke over Sunday.

Harry Ellithorpe is confined to his home with a case of tonsillitis.

Dr. M. W. Flynn of Pittsfield was in town yesterday calling on friends.

Mrs. L. M. Shaw has gone to Pittsfield for a visit of a couple of weeks.

Dr. E. S. Bryant of Brockton, formerly of Palmer, was in town yesterday.

Master Harold Taylor is ill at his home on Thorndike street with tonsillitis.

Mrs. L. A. Boyce, who has been quite sick for some time, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. E. T. Burgess of Plymouth has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. M. Eager.

C. W. Hastings has been granted an auctioneer's license by the selectmen.

Bert M. Harvey spent Sunday with his brother, H. E. Harvey of Springfield.

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The Knights of Columbus held a meeting in their rooms in the opera house last evening.

Herbert Kandle of Worcester, formerly of Palmer, called on friends in town on Tuesday.

Exercises appropriate to Washington's birthday were held in the schools Wednesday.

A special train of Raymond excursionists passed west through Palmer yesterday afternoon.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. C. W. Bennett on Park street Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Katherine Mahern was called to Chicopee yesterday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Cox will occupy the Ramble tenement on the corner of Fox avenue and South Main street.

The Mother's Club will meet next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. H. A. Shaw at Three Rivers.

A regular assembly of Washington council, R. and S. M., will be held in Masonic Hall, Palmer, on Tuesday.

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Walter Chilton of Meriden, Ct., has been spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chilton.

Rev. F. B. Harrison of the Congregational church will exchange pulpits Sunday with Rev. Mr. Olson of Warren.

Mrs. Cecil Whitcomb, who has been seriously ill, is slightly better, and hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Miss Ada Wing of Providence was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wing on North Main street, Sunday.

M. F. Beauregard of New York is in town making some changes and additions to the equipment of the electric lighting plant.

Miss Geneva Clark, teacher of Latin and Greek in the high school, has been absent a part of the week on account of sickness.

The Eastern Star has placed a piano in the Masonic rooms on Central street, for the use of the various organizations which meet there.

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Several sketches by John Newman Jr. are on exhibition in the windows of W. R. Milligan's shoe store, and show no little ability for a lad of 13.

Vesper services will be held in the Universalist church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, and Rev. Mr. Petrie will speak on the life of Paul.

A telephone has been placed in the rooms of Superintendent Burritt of the electric companies at the Converse House; the number is 10-5.

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